



County makes chief, board appointments

By TOM MILLS
NEWS EDITOR

After dealing with employees and budgets at special called meetings earlier this month, the Green County Fiscal Court got down to regular business Thursday with an abbreviated agenda because much of the time-sensitive issues had already

been dealt with.

The Fiscal Court appointed Marty Young as Rescue Squad captain after the previous appointee, Andy Milby, stepped down for lack of time to devote to the office. Young takes over immediately.

Magistrates also appointed Brenda Hall and J.D. Pruitt to the Green County Library Board for four-year

terms.

Property owner Clark Marshall requested that county road Woodfield Estates be graveled approximately 100 yards to a rental residence that is now occupied. The county approved taking the road into the county system in November and the road was officially taken in up to a point where

the last resident lived at the time. The road surface had previously been chip-and-sealed at Marshall's father's expense but the surface is in rough shape beyond that then-last occupied residence. A renter now lives in a house beyond that and Marshall is requesting gravel to make the road surface passable.

The issue is the intent of magistrates in the earlier decision.

"I feel that we meant to include the whole road and not just a part of it," said Magistrate Tim Darnell (D-3rd).

Under county ordinance to add any road to the county list, including extend-

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Edelen releases clerk's audit

SPECIAL TO THE R-H

State Auditor Adam Edelen released the audit of the 2013 financial statement of Green County Clerk Billy Joe Lowe Thursday.

The report found that the financial statement of the Clerk did not follow generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. However, the Clerk's financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology.

The audit reports the County Clerk's Office lacks adequate segregation of duties over receipts and disbursements.

"The County Clerk prints the Point of Sales daily check-out sheet, prepares the daily deposits, prepares and signs checks, and posts to the re-

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R-H photo by Tom Mills

Green County Fire and Rescue firefighter J.T. Pruitt attacks a blaze that destroyed a Bramlett Road residence Friday.

Fire destroys Bramlett home

By TOM MILLS
NEWS EDITOR

A Friday night fire destroyed a residence on Bramlett Road.

The fire, at the 4395 Bramlett Road residence owned by Mary Cross, is thought to have started near a heater while occupants were away, fire officials said. The fire was reported by a neighbor at 6:27 p.m.

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County Fire and Rescue and Summersville Volunteer Fire Department personnel responded to the scene with four fire trucks and more than a dozen personnel, but the residence was already engulfed by the time units arrived on the scene.

Local Red Cross members responded to the scene to assist the family.

Firefighters spent two hours and 38 minutes on the scene.

Less than 24 hours later, Greensburg firefighters were to 408 Scottsville St. for an outbuilding fire that was suspected to have been electrical in nature.

The fire in the building, owned by Mary and Lee Henry at 408 Scottsville St., was reported at 7:15 p.m. A dozen firefighters spent 49 minutes on the scene extinguishing the fire and protecting nearby structures.

Comer stumps locally

By TOM MILLS
NEWS EDITOR

Kentucky gubernatorial candidate James Comer will be in Greensburg Jan. 28 for a rally.

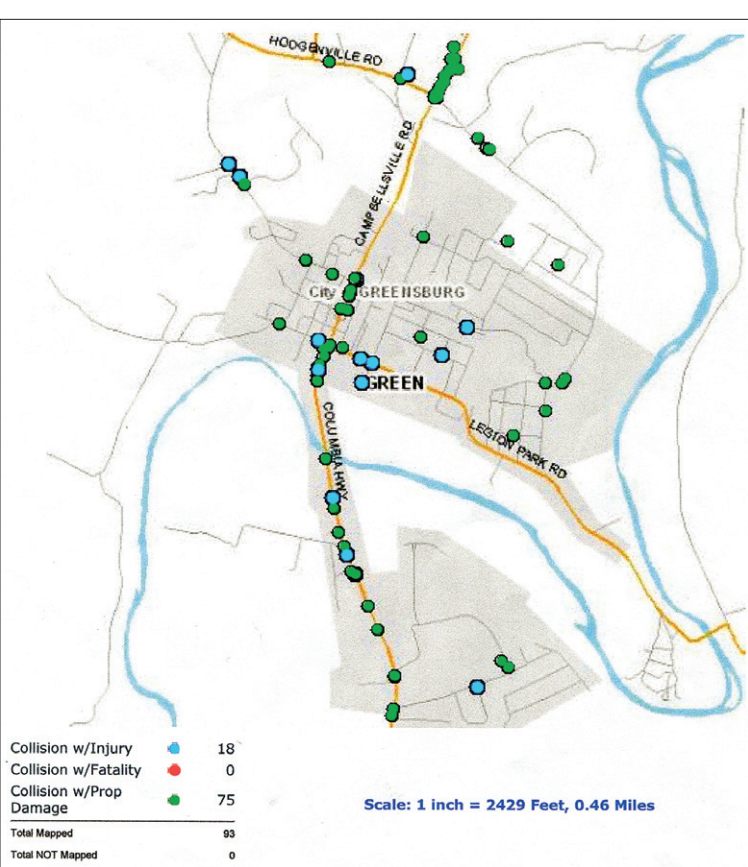
Comer, who is the Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner, represented Green County in the state legislature for 10 years as the state representative from the 53rd district.

Comer who will officially file his candidacy for governor tomorrow in Frankfort, will make Greensburg one of his first campaign stops because of the support the county has given him throughout his political career and the rela-

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James Comer, speaking in Green County in 2013.



City traffic accidents trend along U.S. 68

By TOM MILLS
NEWS EDITOR

Greensburg's highest traffic areas accounted for the majority of city automobile accidents in 2014, with the city's three traffic lights seeing the most fender benders. Most accidents in which drivers or passengers were injured, however, occurred away from major intersections.

Greensburg Police Chief Wayne Hedgespeth said

there were 93 traffic accidents investigated by the city police department in 2014. Eighteen of those involved injuries to the occupants of vehicles. There were no automobile fatalities in the city limits.

Property damage only was reported in 75 accidents.

The majority of accidents occurred on the U.S. 68 corridor, which includes Main Street through the city cen-

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Icy roadway leads to fatality

FROM STAFF REPORTS

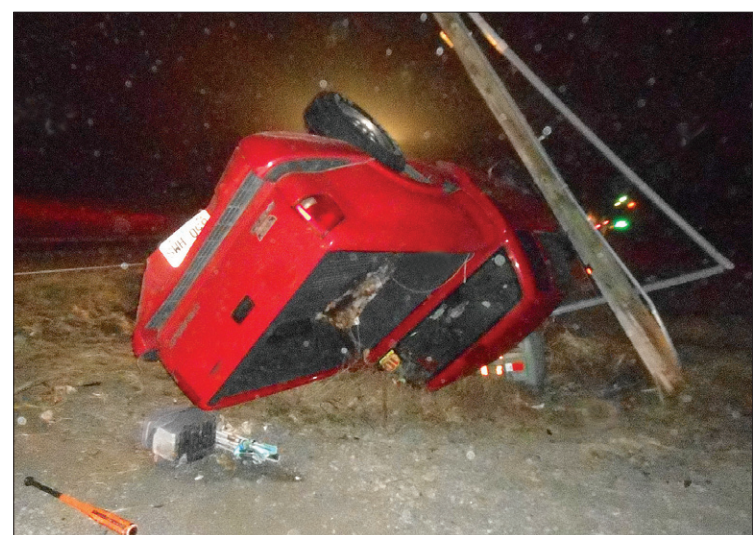
A Green County man died Jan. 14 when his automobile went out of control on an icy roadway and struck a utility pole near Exie.

Green County Sheriff Robby Beard said Ricky Greer, 32, 646 Paul Caven Road, was traveling east on U.S. 68 in a 1997 Chevrolet S10 at approximately 3:41 a.m. when his pickup struck an icy patch, ran off the roadway, struck a utility pole and overturned. Greer, who was not wearing a seat belt, was partially ejected from the vehicle.

Greer was on his way to work at Ingersol Rand in Campbellsville when the accident occurred just east of Greasy Creek Baptist Church.

Green County Coroner Carol Ray pronounced Greer dead at the scene.

In another weather-related accident just over an hour later, Margaret Tucker, 51, 118 Arthur Sherrell Road,



GCSO photo

Green County resident Ricky Greer was Friday killed when his Chevrolet pickup truck went out of control on an icy roadway and struck a utility pole.

was traveling east on KY 218 near Pierce when she rounded a curve in a 2002 GMC Envoy when she lost control on the icy roadway, ran down an embankment and overturned through a fence.

That accident occurred at 5 a.m. just north of Inez Pruitt Road.

Tucker, who was also on her way to work and was wearing a seat belt, was transported by Green County EMS to T.J. Samson Hospital in Glasgow.

The Green County Constabulary and Greensburg-Green County Fire and Rescue assisted at both scenes.

Campbellsville Fire Department fined more than \$25,000

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Campbellsville Fire Department has been fined \$25,200 by state safety regulators for the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge that killed one fireman and hurt three others in August.

The state Office of Oc-

cupational Safety and Health found the department failed to ensure its firefighters wore protective helmets designed to reduce exposure to electrical shock during the incident on the campus of Campbellsville University.

Also, the state agency

said the department didn't make sure the men wore footwear that would have protected them from electrical hazards, WAVE-TV reported on its website.

The incident happened when the fire department

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What's Happening

All times are Central

Today

Chamber of Commerce

The Greensburg – Green County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Greensburg Community Center. Brenda Dile, AVP of Operations for Amedisys Home Health will be the guest speaker. Lunch is \$8. For questions please contact the Chamber at 270-932-4298.

GCHS SBDM Council

The Green County High School SBDM Council will meet for the regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 3:30 in the conference room at the high school. This meeting is open to the public.

Tomorrow

GCPL genealogy program

The Green County Public Library will be hosting a genealogy program called Digging for Roots on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. This is time for researchers to use library resources while also being able to share and collaborate with one another. A light meal will be provided. The program is free, but space is limited. Call Ms. Laura at 270-932-7081 to register.

Happening Soon

Between the Lines

The library book discussion group, Between the Lines, will meet at 10 a.m. and the Who Dun Its will meet at 11 a.m. on Jan. 26. New attendees are welcome.

Elder Abuse Council

The Lake Cumberland Area Development District Elder Abuse Council will meet Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. in the district conference room in Russell Springs. For information, call 1-800-264-7093 or 270-866-4200.

GCPL Craft Time

The Green County Public Library will host make-and-take craft time for school-age children on Jan. 30, 2:30-4 p.m. A variety of craft supplies and projects will be available for students.

Formal wear consignment

There will be a formal wear consignment sale Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Green County Primary School. All ages are accepted of prom, pageant and wedding wear (wedding party) including dresses, shoes and jewelry. Vendor spaces are available as well. This even is sponsored by the Green County Jr. Miss. For more information, contact Erica Sprowles at 270-405-3466 or Paige Squires at 270-405-1856.

Benefit for Blakemans

There will be a benefit for the family of Joseph “Joe” Pete Blakeman at the Greensburg Community Center Saturday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. There will be a gospel singing, live auction, and meal consisting of chili, hamburger and a drink for \$6. Donations of items to be auctioned off are requested.

Our Place Thrift Shop

Our Place Thrift Shop will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. In March, they will be open on Wednesday.

Head Start applications

Green County Head Start is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. For more info call 270-932-6618.

GCPL programs

Every Monday at 9 a.m., the Green County Public Library Walking Club will meet and do a one-mile walk around the downtown area. Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., the library has Story Hour for 2 to 5 year-olds and Thursdays at 10 a.m. a Lap-sit program for babies and toddlers, birth up to 2 years. Each Thursday at 9 a.m., the library offers Chair Yoga, lead by instructor, Michelle Fletchall.

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Capitol Focus

State Rep. Terry Mills

Legislative session addresses issues

There may only be 30 working days in this year's legislative session, but it already seems like there are about twice as many major issues needing to be addressed before the General Assembly wraps up its work in late March.

Because the state operates under a two-year budget, and our constitution therefore requires larger majorities in the House and Senate to “open it up” in odd-numbered years, few of the bills filed have a significant financial impact.

Even so, that does not lessen the importance of those that may become law.

Some of the more prominent initiatives expected to be approved are well known and appear to have wide support. Those include reducing the skyrocketing levels of heroin abuse and extending civil protections to victims of domestic violence in dating situations.

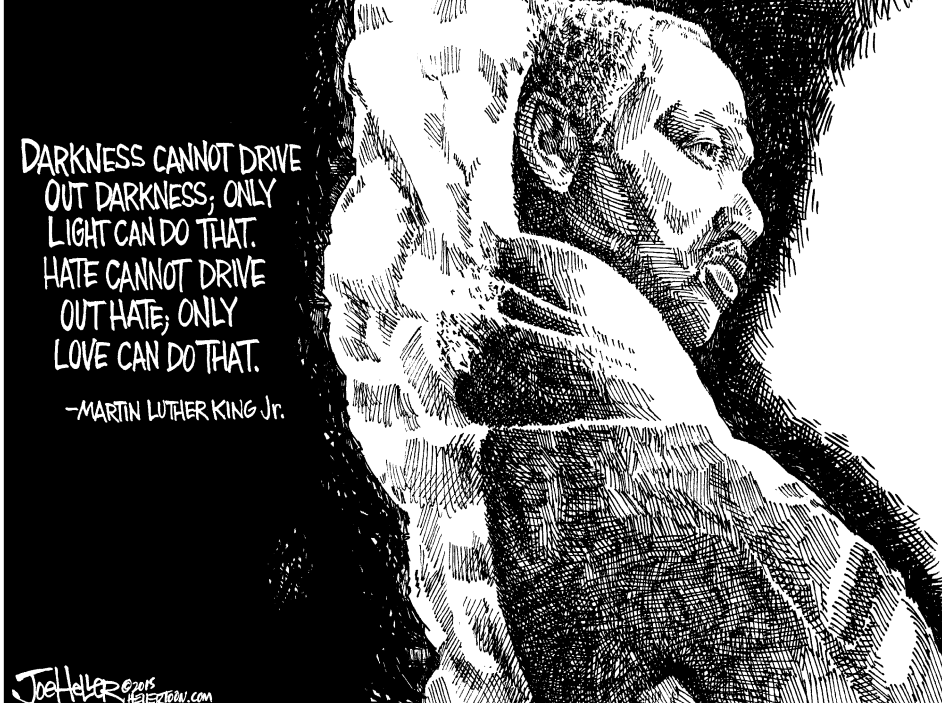
Another initiative likely to become law this year would make it easier for local and state governments to work more closely with private businesses in building or operating public projects or services. About half of the states have what is called a public-private partnership (P3) in place.

Nearly 40 states, meanwhile, allow communities to enact a local-option sales tax. This proposal, which is House Bill 1, also has bipartisan support in the House.

If the amendment is adopted by the General Assembly and then by voters in November 2016 – amendments can only be on the ballot in even-numbered years – cities and/or counties could then vote on whether to add up to a penny on the sales tax of items bought locally.

Like the public-private partnerships, this approach could also be used for major projects. Under this plan, however, all of the money would go to the project, and the increase in sales tax would end after the project is paid off.

Oklahoma City is often cited as an example of what can be accomplished, with its \$2 billion investment in capital projects bringing in \$5 billion more from the private sector. Those hoping this passes included the mayors of Kentucky's two largest cities and such other groups as the Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky Association



What makes Green County a great place to live?

By Roving photographer Clevis Jeffries



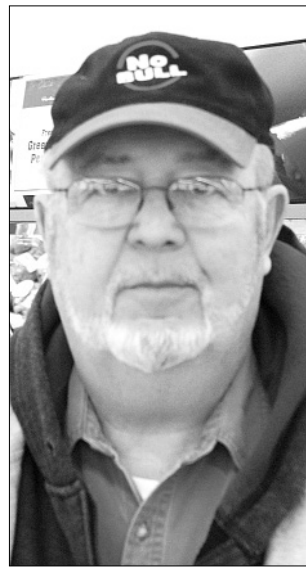
“The friendliness of people in this area is incomparable to anywhere else in the world.”

—Emily Jeffries



“I like the friendliness and compassion of the people and it is a close-knit community.”

—Betty Allison



“The morality of Green Co. is better than average and the people are friendly.”

—Danny Jeffries



“The people love to serve God and they are very friendly throughout the county.”

—Norma Ennis



“The people are very friendly and they always try to help you.”

—Mary Susenbach



“I am a lifelong Green Co. resident and enjoy life and my neighbors who are very friendly and helpful.”

—Garland Hayes

of Counties and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

As I mentioned, there is a number of other issues set to be considered between now and the end of March. Those range from taking another step forward in strengthening our public retirement systems to raising the minimum wage nearly six years after it last went up. Governor Beshear will be pushing to increase age and height requirements for booster seats, and there will be a review of how the state funds its roads in light of declining prices at the pump.

There will also be an attempt to approve another constitutional amendment that would restore voting rights to most non-violent felons after they have completed all aspects of their punishment. Most states make this process automatic, but in Kentucky, only the governor can restore voting rights. The House has approved this amend-

ment by wide margins on eight different occasions, and there is hope that this is the year it passes.

Under the rules governing odd-year legislative sessions, the General Assembly is currently in recess and will resume meeting on Feb. 3rd. As you may recall, the session's first four days early this month were set aside to focus on electing legislative leaders and establishing the committee system for the next two years.

I encourage you to let me know what you think should or should not become law this year. You can always reach me by writing to Room 329G, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601; or you can email me at Terry.Mills@lrc.ky.gov.

To leave a message for me or for any legislator by phone, please call 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

I hope to hear from you soon.

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Kentucky Centennial Business

State office candidate deadline is Tuesday

SPECIAL TO THE R-H

With one rising political star with ties to Green County expected to file his candidacy for the governor's office tomorrow, here's your chance at state office.

But you need to act quickly. The deadline

for filing a candidacy for statewide office in 2015 elections is Tuesday.

Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes is reminding persons interested in being a candidate in the 2015 Primary Election that the deadline to file

with her office is next week.

Candidates who wish to be placed on the ballot for the May 19, 2015, Primary Election must file their candidacy papers by 4 p.m. EST at the Office of Secretary of State on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Republican James Comer, the Tompkinsville native who formerly represented Green County in the General Assembly and now serves as the state's agricultural commissioner, will likely file tomorrow in Frankfort for the state's top job.

The offices of governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, auditor of public accounts, state treasurer, and commissioner of agriculture are on the ballot in Kentucky in 2015.

"I recommend that

candidates file in advance of the deadline in case filing papers need to be corrected," said Grimes, Kentucky's chief election official.

Candidates may access the filing forms required at <http://app.sos.ky.gov/Elections-DYC/>.

Comer to campaign in G'burg

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tionships he has built with residents. Comer carried Green County by nearly 80 percent of the vote in his success-

ful 2011 bid for the agriculture commissioner's office.

Comer, a Republican, is scheduled to be at the

Old Courthouse on the Greensburg Square at 2 p.m. CST Jan. 28. Every-

one is invited.

State officials will be elected in 2015.

Fiscal Court

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ing just a portion of a road, that road must meet criteria including road length and property owner requirements that the portion of Woodfield Estates in question

cannot currently meet.

Having requested time to inspect the roadway, magistrates will likely take up the issue at the February meeting.

For the record

New Drivers

Isaac Landis, Nathaniel Meadows, Kylee Morgan and Noah Sigmund.

Recent Property Transfers

Estate of Rita Burris, Rebecca and David Keeton and Steven Todd Fisher to Edward R. Goff, property on Pine Road.

Estate of Rita Burris, Rebecca and David Keeton and Steven Todd Fisher to Craig and Beth Sprowles, property on Taylors Chapel Road.

Dennie R. and Mary L. Simpson to Darren Simpson Sr. and Kris-san Simpson, property on KY 1464.

Peggy Patterson to Camelia Edwards, property on Lewis Court.

probated. Fined \$100 plus \$178 costs.

Mark A. Loy, 25, driving on a suspended license, no insurance, possession of marijuana and pretrial diversion for previous no insurance charge voided. 45 days, 15 to serve, balance probated, Fined \$1,700, \$500 probated, plus \$208 costs.

Victoria A. Maier, 23, pretrial diversion for speeding.

Charles Montgomery, 41, DUI. 14 days. Fined \$350 plus costs. License suspended 12 months. Attend alcohol and drug education.

Patsy A. Wright, 48, pretrial diversion for third-degree terroristic threatening.

Green County Sheriff's Department

Ryan Cory Skaggs, 18, 450 Hubert Wright Road, was arrested Friday on a warrant charging theft by unlawful taking. Deputy Adam Rainwater arrested him at 10:28 p.m. at his residence.

Antonio L. Skaggs, 28, 100 South Water St., was arrested Jan. 12 on a warrant charging fourth-degree assault minor injury, no operators license and no insurance. Court Security Officer Billy Patterson arrested him at 2:30 p.m.

District Court Jan. 12 session

Judge Amy Sullivan Anderson Presiding

Christopher Benton, 36, no drivers license in possession. Fined \$100 plus \$143 costs.

Mark A. Caffee, 54, pretrial diversion for speeding.

Christopher J. Cortez, 42, cultivation of marijuana and possession of marijuana. 80 days, serve two, balance probated 24 months. Fined \$100 plus \$158 costs.

Terry L. Ervin, 26, driving on a DUI-suspended license. 30 days,

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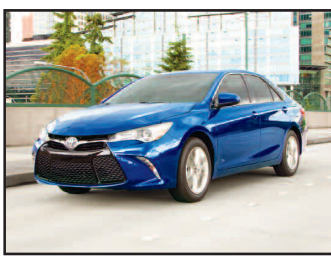


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4-door FWD SUV model #4430

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\$199

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APR FINANCING FOR

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60 monthly payments of \$16.67 per \$1000 borrowed.

-OR- NEW 2015 COROLLA S PLUS

4-door sedan model #1864

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MONTH LEASE

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Glenda Carol Blankenship, 64

Glenda Carol Blankenship of Greensburg, daughter of the late Albert and Elsie Coomer Vaughn and was raised by the late Buford and Rudell Vaughn was born March 10, 1950 in Green County and departed this life Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 at the Kentucky One St. Mary's Health Care in Louisville. She was 64 years of age.

She was a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Woodrow Blankenship of Greensburg; one daughter, Me-



Glenda Blankenship

linda Rhoads of Columbia; one brother, Eddie Vaughn of Greensburg; a special niece, Melissa Harmon of Nashville;

six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services for Glenda Carol Blankenship were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home and burial followed in Columbia Cemetery. Bro. Gerald Hancock officiated.

Pallbearers were: Brent Matney, Micah Rhoads, Michael Black, Jacob Roberts, Brooke Roberts, Dale Harmon and Sammy Hitch.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

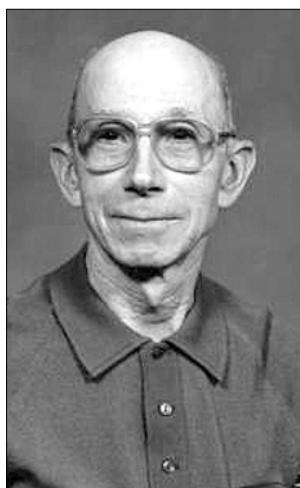
M. Rey Yarberry, 85

M. Rey Yarberry of Greensburg, son of the late Ben Yarberry and Polly Estes Yarberry, was born March 21, 1929 in New Albany, Ind. and departed this life Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 at the Sunrise Manor Nursing Facility in Hodgenville. He was 85 years, 9 months, and 23 days of age.

He had made a profession of faith in Christ and attended the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. He was a retired 34 year employee for the Greensburg Bottling Company and was a farmer. He was a Korean War Veteran having served in the United States Army, a member of the American Legion Rod Lowe Post # 124, and the V.F.W. James L. Pruitt Post #5813.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Laverne Henderson Yarberry having united in marriage Dec. 20, 1953.

Other survivors



M. Rey Yarberry

include a son and daughter-in-law, John and Susan Yarberry of Franklin, Tenn.; a sister-in-law, Faye Wright of Greensburg; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Yarberry was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters, Paul Yarberry, Gertrude Lane, and Blanche West.

The funeral services for Mr. M. Rey Yarberry were conducted at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 16,

2015 at the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home and burial followed in the Ebenezer Cemetery. Rev. Emma Nickel officiated.

Visitation was requested from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday until time of the funeral service.

Pallbearers were: Larry Bishop, Troy Bishop, J.R. Bishop, William L. Rattliff, Chris Dobson, Eli Milby, Ralph Clark and Scott Humphrey.

Honorary pallbearers were: Roger Henderson, Chad Dobson, Phillip Mitchell, Troy Mitchell, Mark Mitchell, Gordon Judd, Don Lowe, Billy Dean Coffey, Mel Salsman, Bobby Garmon, Shane Garmon, Robert Paxton and Eddie Paxton.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, which can be made at the funeral home. For online condolences log onto www.cowherdandparrott.com or Facebook.

Ricky Greer, 32

Ricky Greer was born Sept. 13, 1982 in Barren County to Johnny and Ruby York Greer of Green County. He departed this life, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, having attained the age of 32 years, four months and one day.

He had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church. He worked at Ingersoll-Rand Company in Campbellsville.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife Emily Greer; two daughters and one son, Serenity Lannette Greer, Taygan Renea Greer and Zade Philip Thomas Greer of Greensburg; one brother and sister-in-law, Kenny Joe and Cindy Evans of Red Boiling Springs; one sister and brother-in-law, Mary and J.D. Wilson of Cave



Ricky Greer

City; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, David and Sylvia Sidebottom of Greensburg; five nieces and one nephew, Wendy Wilson and Kendell Shaw, Angie and Chris Brandle, Amanda and Jeremy Morgan, Alysha and Josh Ervin, Tabitha and Kerry Nash and Kenny and Erin Evans, several great nieces and great

nephews, plus a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at Foster-Toler-Curry Funeral Home in Greensburg with Rev. Clifton Sullivan officiating.

Visitation was held Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Burial was in Macedonia Cemetery, Green County.

Pallbearers: Josh Ervin, Greg Ervin, Shawn Carter, Robbie Bell, Max Dozier, Jody Harmon.

Honorary Pallbearers: Roger Maynard, Eric Thompson, Alan Morgan, Wayne Tucker, Chad Dixon, Scotty Pierce, Michael Young.

The family has requested that donations be made to the Children's Education Fund at the funeral home.

Shirley Lou Hendricks, 71

Shirley Lou Hendricks of Glasgow, daughter of the late Kemp Hendericks and Sallie Jeffries Hendricks, was born Jan. 8, 1944 in Green County and departed this life on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 at the T.J. Samson Hospital in Glasgow. She was 71 years and 5 days of age.

She was a former Certified Nursing Assistant and Lab Technician.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Vivian and Rick Kinslow of Glasgow and Willietta and John Lee of Shepherdsville; a son, David H. Curry of Louisville; a sister, Elizabeth Estes of Greensburg;

nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were conducted at 1 p.m., Jan. 15, 2015 at the Greasy Creek Cemetery in Green County. Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Marion C. "Evon" Lobb

Mrs. Marion C. "Evon" Lobb of Louisville, departed this life on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 at her home in Louisville.

She worked in environmental services for Kosair before retiring.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Leslie Ewan Lobb of Louisville; a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Ron Rawlins of Louisville; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Christine Lobb of Louisville; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Oletia Carter of Louisville; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and JR Caffee of Edmonton; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Marion "Evon" Lobb will be conducted at 11 a.m. EST, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at the Joseph E. Ratterman



Marion C. "Evon" Lobb

& Son Funeral Home 7336 Southside Drive Louisville.

Graveside services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. CST Wednesday at the Bennett Cemetery in Summersville.

For more information concerning this obituary locally you may contact the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home in Greensburg.

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1 Peter 3:17-18

Christians believe that we are saved by Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, in essence that he suffered and died for our sins. We consider Jesus' suffering to be sacred, as it is part and parcel of humanity's redemption. Jesus showed us that suffering can be sacred. That is not a cure or remedy for suffering, but a way to at least make it meaningful. It is sometimes said that human beings can live without anything except hope. We might also say that we can suffer anything as long as there is some meaning or purpose in it. As the philosopher Nietzsche put it, "He who has a why to live for can bear with almost any how." Nothing is worse than severe and interminable suffering that has no meaning. That might almost serve as a definition of Hell: severe and endless suffering that has no meaning. Imagine having the realization at the gates of Hell that we could have had salvation, but instead we chose selfishness, momentary pleasures and sin and now we are going to pay for it. That bargain, to sell one's soul for momentary pleasure or selfish gain, will undoubtedly appear meaningless in the grand scheme of things. Infinitely better to delay gratification and suffer meaningfully now than risk eternal meaningless suffering in the hereafter.

- Christopher Simon

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David Alan Ray, 54

David Alan "Jigger" Ray, son of Franklin "Dea" Ray of Greensburg and the late Lorene Minor Ray, was born Dec. 8, 1960 in Green County and departed this life Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015 at his home in Green County. He was 54 years, one month, and six days of age.

He had made a profession of faith in Christ and attended the Pitman Valley Baptist Church in Campbellsville. He was also a lifelong farmer.

Beside his father, Mr. Ray is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike and Peggy Sue Ray and Lloyd and Sheila Ray all of Greensburg; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Debi and David Newton of Campbellsville, Betty and Tommy Curry, Brenda and William Rose all of Greensburg, and Tina and Mark Meece of Campbellsville; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral services for Mr. David Alan "Jigger" Ray were conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015 at the Cowherd and Parrott



David Alan Ray

Funeral Home and burial followed in the Tabernacle Cemetery in Taylor County. Bro. Dannie Nelson officiated.

Visitation was requested Friday and Saturday until time of the funeral service.

Pallbearers were: Jon Curry, T.J. Curry, Buddy Ray, Brandon Tungate, Mickie Ray and Buddy Willingham

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, which can be made at the funeral home.

For online condolences log onto: www.cowherdandparrott.com or find us on Facebook.

Billy Joe Cantrell, 70

Mr. Billy Joe Cantrell of Campbellsville, formerly of Green County, son of the late Arvin Cantrell and Beatrice Berry Cantrell, was born April 10, 1944 in Louisville, and departed this life early Monday, Jan. 19, 2015 at the Taylor Regional Hospital. He was 70 years, nine months, and nine days of age.

He had made a profession of faith in Christ, and was a machine operator for Curtis-Maruyasu Mfg. Company in Lebanon. Mr. Cantrell was also an avid University of Kentucky Wildcat Fan.

Survived by his wife of 51 years, Fredia Joan Milby Cantrell of Campbellsville, having united in marriage Dec. 26, 1963.

Other survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Joanna and Chris Sutton of Guthrie, Ky., and Bethany Shae Cantrell of Ohio; a son, Gregory Cantrell of Campbellsville; a grandson, Zachary Sutton of Guthrie; a great-granddaughter, Lola Erica Sue Kato of Ohio; three sisters, Nancy Arlene Cantrell, Shirley Sue Cook both of Louisville, and Linda Mardis of Somerset; two brothers, James Cantrell of Science Hill, and David Cant-

rell of Somerset; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services for Mr. Billy Joe Cantrell will be conducted at 10 a.m. CST, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home in the Moss-Kemp Cemetery in Adair County. Bro. Dave Walters will officiate.

Visitation is Wednesday morning and was also Tuesday evening at the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the Gideon Bible Fund, which can be made at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were: Mark Cantrell, Kevin Cantrell, Keith Cook, Mike Mardis, Dewayne Cantrell, Doug Mardis, Tim Day and Lou Edwards.

Margaret Altman, 95

Margaret Altman of Greensburg, daughter of the late Hubert Coakley and Lillie Henderson Coakley, was born March 18, 1919 in Green County, and departed this life Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015 at the Jane Todd Crawford Hospital. She was 95 years, 9 months, and 27 days of age.

She had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of Summersville Baptist Church. She was a retired teacher having taught for 44 years. She was a member of the Retired Teacher's Association, and the Summersville Baptist Church Missionary Group.

She united in marriage to Edwin Milton Altman Feb. 19, 1938 who preceded her in death March 3, 2002.

Survivors include four nieces and their spouses, Marsha Coakley Priddy and Dewayne Priddy, Julie Coakley, Cathy Wade Ridge and Tim Ridge all of Louisville and Mae Deline Hays of Glasgow; four great-nieces, Sara Woodford, Bo Strange, Jenny Jackson and Dr. Erin Priddy Wright all of Louisville; two great-nephews, James Bruce Hays and Charles Anthony Hays; a great-great nephew; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Margaret Altman

Mrs. Altman was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother, Katherine Cantrell, Beatrice Skaggs and Dennis Wade Coakley.

The funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Altman were conducted at 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 at the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home and burial followed in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Bro. Nathan Crawford officiated.

Visitation was requested Saturday and Sunday until time of the funeral service.

The pallbearers were: Tim Ridge, Blair Grider, Andy Woodford, Dewayne Priddy, Stephen Jackson and Joey Wright.

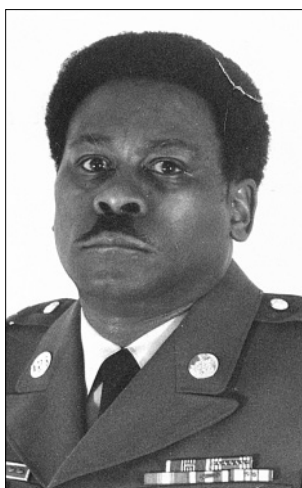
Memorials are suggested to the Summersville Baptist Church, which can be made at the funeral home.

Johnnie Lee Robinson, 71

Johnnie Lee Robinson was born Feb. 24, 1943 in Anderson, S.C. to the late Tommy and Hattie Robinson. He departed this life Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 at the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, having attained the age of 71 years, 10 months and 21 days.

He had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of the Mt. Union Baptist Church. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by one son, Roy Robinson. He was a United States Army Veteran, retiring after 20 years of service. He was also a chef.

He is survived by his wife Vernice Embry Robinson; one step-son, Allen Golder of Campbellsville; two step-daughters, Julita Johnson of Louisville and Debora Golder of Cincinnati, Ohio; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Anthony and Jackie Gray and Charles and Gladys Robinson of Cincinnati, Bennie and Louise Robinson of Atlanta, Ga., Joe Robinson of Madison, Ky., James and Regina Robinson of Cincinnati; two sisters,



Johnnie Lee Robinson

Evelyn Dillingham and Essie Robinson of Cincinnati; two grandchildren, Shulita and Barry Golder and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, plus a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. CST Thursday, Jan. 22 Mt. Union Baptist Church in Green County.

The wake and visitation will be 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. CST Wednesday and after 7 a.m. Thursday at Foster-Toler-Curry Funeral Home in Greensburg.

Ministers will be: Rev. Mike Ash, Eulogy, Rev. Andre' Calhoun, Master of Ceremony.

Fry Baptist contests



Photo submitted

Fry Baptist Church Relay for Life Team held their sixth annual Chili and Soup Contest and third annual Dessert Contest Sunday, Jan. 19. The winner of the soup category was Greg Laramore. The winner of the dessert category was his granddaughter Cami Laramore. The Relay Team would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make the event a success.



New Hope Baptist Church hosts Barry Rowland and Deliverance

Barry Rowland and Deliverance will be at New Hope Baptist Church for the Sunday morning service Jan. 25 starting at 10:30 a.m. EST.

Everyone is invited to come worship. The pastor is Casey Durrett. For more information call 270-405-1800.

To Louise, who left us one year ago Jan. 23
A million times I've needed you. A million times I've cried.
If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly. In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place no one else can ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you but you didn't go alone.
Part of me went with you, the day God called you home.

Loved and dearly missed,
Sister Ruby Whitlow

Broken Chain
We little knew the day that God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.

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Love you dearly,
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4given to sing at God's House Jan 24

The group "4given" from Campbellsville will be singing at God's House located on Hwy 70 near Knob Lick, Jan.

24 at p.m.

The singing group is comprised of young people ages 13 to 20. They love to sing about

Jesus.

Pastor Rita Houk and congregation invites everyone to attend.

Benefit for Blakeman family is Feb. 7

There will be a benefit for the family of Joseph "Joe" Pete Blakeman at the Greensburg Community Center

Saturday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. CST.

There will be a gospel singing, live auction, and meal consisting of

chili, hamburger and a drink for \$6.

Donations of items to be auctioned off are requested.

Benefit at Light House Church Feb. 7

A benefit will be held Feb. 7 for Mark Bennett to help with medical bills.

The benefit will be in the fellowship hall of

the Light House Church located on the Old Glasgow Rd. in Horse Cave. Benefit Feb 7.

Food will be sold for a donation at 1

p.m. The auction will begin at 2 p.m.

To donate an item, call Bobby Neal at 270-786-3705 or 270-590-3705.

The Ten Commandments

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
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Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
Honor thy father and thy mother.
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Thou shalt not steal.
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
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Becky and Kyle Salsbury

McCorvey-Salsbury exchanged vows

Becky Ellen McCorvey and Kyle Bryan Salsbury, both of Campbellsville, were united in marriage Jan. 11 at First United Methodist Church in Campbellsville. Neal Salvaterra officiated.

The bride is the

daughter of Henry and Elaine David of Murphy, N.C., formerly of Campbellsville.

The groom is the son of Don and Hallie Salsbury of Galveston, Texas and the late Eloise Salsbury.

The couple resides in Campbellsville.

GCALC aids in typing skills



Photo submitted

Green County Adult Learning Center students Ashley Cowherd and Lindsey Barbee complete the Mavis Beacon typing test, which is required for certain jobs. "I am glad the learning center offers the Mavis Beacon program because I could brush up on my typing skills before taking the test for a job I am applying for," Ashley Cowherd explains.

Students named to WKU fall 2014 honors list

The following Western Kentucky University students from the Green County area were named to the Dean's and President's lists for the fall 2014 semester. Full-time undergraduate students with a semester grade-point average of 3.3 to 3.79 are named to the Dean's List.

Students with a GPA of 3.8 to 4.0 are named to the President's List. The entire list can be found at <http://www.wku.edu/mediarelations/deanslist.php>.

Dean's List from Greensburg: Britney A. Taylor, Micah T. Jones, Regis C. Pearson, Grayson T. Bills, Michael A. Tucker,

Sarah A. Matney
President's List from Greensburg: Erin E. Burris, Wesley C. Patterson, Benjamin D. Rafferty, Jonathan P. Malone, Abbey E. Griffiths, Baylee E. Shofner, Lauren M. Witty, Brianna G. Armer, Kelsay D. Scott and Allison L. Ingram

Dean's List from Summersville: Hannah M. Shirley
President's List from Magnolia: Morgan R. Lindsey, Terri L. Robertson and Katelyn N. Calhoun
Dean's List from Magnolia: Landon E. Wolford, Haylee E. Best and Tyler W. Shirley.

Lindsey Wilson's efforts earn national recognition

Lindsey Wilson College's service-learning efforts have earned national recognition. LW has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The award is given by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that encourages community service at U.S. colleges and universities.

In the area of general community service, Lindsey Wilson was named to the honor roll with distinction, the only Kentucky college or university to receive that designation. LWC was one of two Kentucky schools to receive a distinction designation in the honor roll's four categories.

Launched in 2006, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll annually highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems. Institutions are recognized for achievements in general community service, interfaith community service, economic opportunity and

education. LWC was recognized in large part because of the work of its Bonner Scholars Program, which has dozens of

service-learning initiatives throughout Southcentral Kentucky. The college's Malvina Farkle Day -- an annual day of college-wide

community service by LWC faculty, staff and students -- also earned recognition.

See LWC, page 10A

DYW Formal wear consignment sale is Jan. 31, vendors welcome

There will be a formal wear consignment sale Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CST at Green County Primary School. Formal items from all ages are accepted including prom, pageant, wedding, bridesmaid, flower girl dresses,

shoes and jewelry. The seller prices their own items. The entry fees are: \$5 per dress, \$3 per shoes and \$3 per jewelry piece.

Drop off days for merchandise are Tuesday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Jan. 29.

Contact Erika

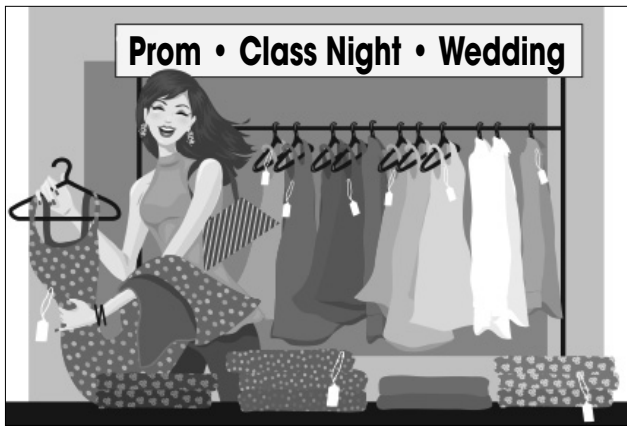
Sprowles at 270-405-3466 or Paige Squires at 270-405-1856 for more details.

Vender spaces are also available. There are booth spaces available for hair, make-up, nails, photography, transportation, flow-

ers and more.

Contact Paige Squires at 270-405-1856 to reserve your spot or for more details.

This even is sponsored by the Green County Junior Miss Committee.

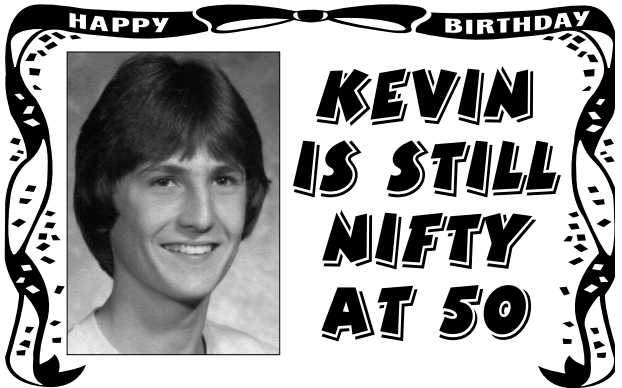


Relay for Life receives donation



Photo submitted

Kayla Bradshaw, right, librarian at Green County Public Library, presents Sara Sluder, left, Relay for Life Coordinator, with a \$125.00 donation. The proceeds were collected during October from the Breast Cancer Awareness Pink Table at the library.



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Lady Dragons win streak reaches longest in two seasons

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Green County saw its longest win streak in two seasons end at the hands of Shelby County High School on Saturday. The Lady Dragons pulled off wins against Bullitt Central, 47-45; Hart County, 78-55; LaRue County, 63-58; Russell County, 66-59; Taylor County, 67-35 and Caverna, 67-62 before falling to the Rockets.

Green County (67) at Taylor Co. (35)

The Lady Dragons picked up big games from Mya Schrembs, Laura Beth Houk and Ivy Hedgespeth in the victory over the Cardinals last Tuesday night.

Green County saw forward Whitney Perian pick up her second foul with 6:17 left in the first quarter and had to go to the bench. But she returned at the start of

the second and made her presence felt. The sophomore two-sport giant picked up an offensive rebound after her return and had a put-back score to push the Lady Dragons out to 28-13.

Perian only finished with four points but with her standing in the paint, it causes havoc for other teams missing that presence. She finished with a game-high eight rebounds in the victory.

The Lady Dragons went into halftime leading 35-18 but came out and took it to the Lady Cardinals. Before Taylor County could even fathom what was happening, Green County started the third quarter on a 23-4 run and stretched its lead to 58-23.

Green County held Taylor County to only 16 second half points.

Schrembs scored a game-high 20 points,

with Houk following suit with 16 and Hedgespeth with 10. Hannah Judd also finished with eight points to aid the Green County blowout.

Green County (67) at Caverna (62) - 2OT

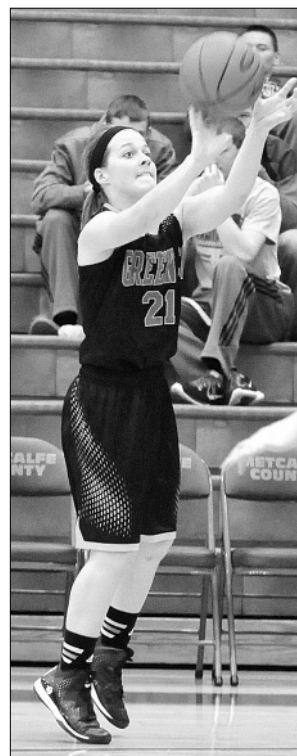
Green County played its second overtime game of the season but this time the Lady Dragon came out victorious over the Lady Colonels. The win clinched the top seed in the upcoming district tournament.

After leading 25-24 at half time, Caverna outpaced the Lady Dragons in the third quarter. Madison Faulkner scored 11 of her 33 game-high 33 points and the Lady Colonels jumped out to a 45-38 lead. Green County struggled from the floor only hitting 4-of-14 field goals during that stretch.

Green County had a major scare in the middle of the fourth quarter with senior Laura Beth Houk turning her ankle and having to leave the game — she did not return. With their second leading scorer out, the Lady Dragons had a big hill to climb but used its defense to make up for the lack of offensive production. With just under four minutes remaining and down 49-41, freshman Ivy Hedgespeth sparked a 10-2 run for the Lady Dragons and hit the game-tying basket to send the game into extra periods.



Whitney Perian picked up nine points in the Lady Dragons' thriller over Caverna



Ivy Hedgespeth will play a more valuable role in the absence of Schrembs.



Hannah Judd will assume the point guard position with Schrembs out of the lineup.



Photos by Jordan Alves and submitted

Mya Schrembs was injured Saturday. She leads GC in scoring this season at 21.3 ppg.

Houk, Schrembs go down injured

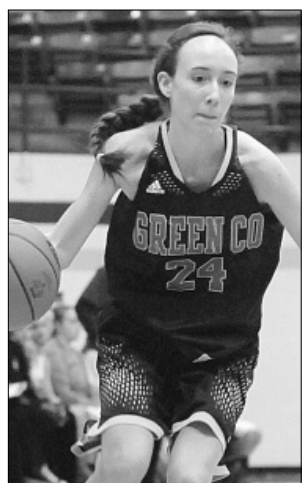
JORDAN ALVES
SPORTS WRITER

Green County girl's basketball has been on a roll as of late but that heavy load of steam has cooled to a simmer after last week.

The Lady Dragons saw leading scorers Mya Schrembs and Laura Beth Houk both go down with injuries during Friday and Saturday's games. Houk went down in the fourth quarter against Caverna High School on Friday night but Green County was able to come back and win in double overtime thanks to Ivy Hedgespeth and Schrembs.

But Schrembs went down in Saturday's blowout loss to Shelby County and now GC could be short handed. Green County has been on a roll of late, winning six games in a row for the first time 2012-13. The Lady Dragons were looking for No. 7 but saw Shelby County end the streak. The last team that won over six games was the 2011-12 team led by Micah Jones 22.2 points a game. Now Jones is showing off her talents at Western Kentucky University, scoring 10 points a game and has been known as one of the best shooters in all of Conference USA.

But before Green County can head back to the 5th Region championship game like it did in 2011-12, the Lady Dragons have to figure out where the slack will be picked up. The Houk-Schrembs duo has accounted for 615 of GC's 1,056 points scored this season (58 percent). Schrembs leads the



Laura Beth Houk injured her ankle Friday night's game. She is questionable to play this week.

team as a sophomore, scoring 21.4 points a game and Houk is behind her at 14.8. Whitney Perian is only other Lady Dragon averaging double figures for Green County at 10 points a game.

But what Schrembs and Houk do best isn't just hitting the open jumper; the duo also creates their own shots and creates open shots for teammates. It doesn't matter if you are talking about Schrembs patented runner in the lane or Houk's ability to hit the long range shots, they both bring something different to the table that Green County could miss if these injuries are prolonged.

With their absence's Green County has a uphill climb in the 5th Region All-A Tournament that started last night. That means other opportunities become available and someone has to step up for a team that sports a 14-5 record and sits with the most wins in 5th region play this far (8-3).

See Injuries, page 9A

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MEET THE DRAGONS

Comments by Coach Keith Young



#31 Hannah Moore
5'7" Forward
Freshman

Hannah has a really high basketball I.Q. and is starting to understand the intensity level that is required to be successful at the high school level. Hannah has a nice shot, but is still working on getting the shot off quicker. Hannah has played really well the last couple of freshman games and is continuing to get better.



#22 Felicity Richards
5'1" Guard
Freshman

Felicity is still learning the game as she played very little in middle school, but is starting to pick things up faster with each practice. Felicity plays with a lot of intensity and is working hard to become a better ball-handler for a player her size. Felicity has good quickness and lateral movement to become a good defender.



#14 Hallie Griffiths
5'6" Guard
Eighth Grade

Hallie is an extremely hard worker that continues to get better every day in practice because of her work ethic. Hallie has worked really hard on her shot and it is starting to show with made three-pointers in both freshman and JV games. Hallie is a good defender that is not afraid to do the dirty work that is required to win.

5th Regional All-A Tournament is underway this week at Bethlehem.

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Dragons start the new year 1-3

JORDAN ALVES
SPORTS WRITER

Green County boy's basketball dropped to 6-11 overall last week and 1-4 inside district play. The Dragons saw a game against LaRue County split out of their fingers on Jan. 9 and the woes have continued.

Green County (51) at Taylor County (101)
Young and his team traveled to Taylor County and Caverna High School last week, seeing a tale of two games. GC lost 101-51 against TCHS on Jan. 13, as the Dragons could not match the offensive power of Quentin Goodin and Chris Berry. Goodin



Photos by Jordan Alves and submitted
Dominique Compton was named Total Fitness Player of the Week out of Bowling Green. He leads GC scoring 25.6 points a game.



Corbin Suratt shoots the ball against Caverna Friday night. The Dragons lost to their District rival in an away game.

Injuries for Green

From page 7A

Green County also is 5-0 in district play and has clinched the No. 1 seed in the upcoming tournament that will tip-off in late February. Perian who was mentioned above, stands at about 6-foot-1 and is a force in the paint. Many of us have seen Perian use her volleyball-like spike to throw away wimpy shot attempts from opponents. Also, in the starting five there is freshman Shelby Howell and Hannah Judd. Judd averages just under seven points a game and Howell sits at just under three points a game. Judd splits rolls with Schrembs as the point guard position but she is one of the best lockdown defenders in the entire 5th region – AS A FRESHMAN. Howell compliments Perian's inside presence

finished with a triple-double, scoring 17 points, grabbing 10 rebounds and dishing out 12 assists. Dominique Compton was the bright light for GC once again, as the junior guard finished with 22 points. His ability to get to the rim and score amongst the taller post players have brought attention to the media across the state. Compton was named the Total Fitness Player of the Week – an award that comes out of Bowling Green. Compton averages 25.6 points a game and is hitting 65 percent of his field goals. He also averages eight rebounds a game, which tops the team.

Compton finished just behind Emmons with 24 points and hit 8-of-9 from the free

and has come on as of late with the ability to hit the outside jumper. Also, another freshman Ivy Hedgespeth is third on the team with 17 made 3-pointers on the season. She will have to step up her game and be able to carry the load from the outside just like she did late against Caverna when Houk went down with the injury. These four underclassmen won't be considered youngsters anymore with Houk and Schrembs both possibly out of the lineup for Green County. But when something is taken away, there is always opportunity for something or in this case someone else to step in and lead the team. And that is exactly what head coach Chris Blaydes is counting on for the home stretch the next month.

Green County (71) at Caverna (76)
The Dragons played comeback against Caverna last Friday night but could not get over the hump. Green County trailed 38-30 going into half time but was able to cut the lead to two, 54-52 after scoring 22 points compared to Caverna's 16 in the third quarter. Chad Emmons and Compton accounted for 17 of those 22 points. Emmons finished the night with a season-high 26 points to lead the Dragons. But GC could not find an answer for the Colonels' Mason Faulkner in the fourth quarter. Faulkner scored all but three points (19) in the deciding quarter, to finish with 31 on the night.

Compton finished just behind Emmons with 24 points and hit 8-of-9 from the free



Issac Landis looks for Alec Sluder in the paint.

throw line.

Upcoming for Green County
The Dragons opened up the 5th Region All "A" Tournament last night with a game against Campbellsville. The tournament is being played at Bethlehem High School. Scores were not available before press time.

Jan. 30 vs. Washington County (1-14) - 7 p.m.

Jan. 31 vs. Metcalfe County (2-15) - 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 3 at Nelson County (7-9) - 8 p.m.

Basketball contest has three-way tie Jan. 14

Three contestants tied for the prizes in the Jan. 14 basketball contest. Robert Loy, Dennis Nunn and Reba Rentz all missed three games. The score of the Green vs. Caverna game determined the winner. All picked the Dragons to lose – Loy picked the Dragons to lose by 3;

Nunn picked 5; Rentz picked 8. Green County lost by five points, making Nunn the winner. He wins a free buffet from Creekside Restaurant, a breakfast buffet and two games of bowling from Phillip's Lanes in Campbellsville and Snappy Tomato Pizza in Greensburg.

Public Notice

In accordance with KRS 91A.040, a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information is on file at the Clerk's office and available for public inspection during normal business hours. Any citizen may obtain from the Clerk's office a copy of the complete audit report including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use. Any citizen requesting a copy of the audit report will be charged for duplication costs at a rate that shall not exceed twenty five cents per page. The financial statement that is prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 is also available to the public at no cost at the Green County Clerk's Office at 203 West Court Street in Greensburg, Ky. 42743

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01120R

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG ADOPTING THE REVISED VERSION OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REPEALING THE OLD VERSION OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG DOES FIND THAT:

WHEREAS, the Greensburg Code of Ordinances has been reviewed and updated to reflect all ordinances passed prior to December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Greensburg City Council wishes to adopt the updated Greensburg Code of Ordinances in its entirety, and repeal all prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated by this code from and after the effective date of the updated Greensburg Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Greensburg as Follows:

SECTION 1.

The prior version of the Greensburg Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and the version of the Greensburg Code of Ordinances which is attached hereto is hereby adopted in its entirety.

SECTION 2.

All prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated by updated Greensburg Code of Ordinances shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of the Greensburg Code of Ordinances attached hereto.


SECTION 3.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be printed once within seven to fourteen (7-14) days after its adoption and publication, this Ordinance will have final passage, and shall take effect and be in full force.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was introduced at a regular meeting of the Greensburg City Council held on the 8th day of December, 2014, and thereafter passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 12th day of January, 2015, by the following roll call vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Jerry Cowherd	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Emily Jeffries	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Sandi Moran	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Steve Stone	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Brenda Patterson	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Reva Nell Tucker	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain

By: CITY OF GREENSBURG
George C. Cheatham, II, Mayor
City of Greensburg
ATTEST: Jane Blakeman Casey, City Clerk/Treasurer



ADAM H. EDELEN
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Misty N. Edwards, Green County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Billy Joe Lowe, Green County Clerk
Members of the Green County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement
We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Clerk of Green County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

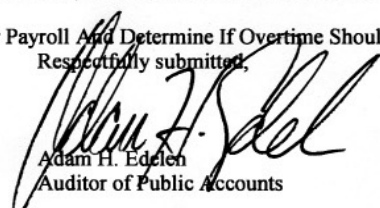
Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the County Clerk, as of December 31, 2013, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2013, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 16, 2014 on our consideration of the Green County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Green County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

2013-01	The County Clerk's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts And Disbursements
2013-02	The County Clerk Should Maintain Accurate Receipts And Disbursements Ledgers And Reconcile Them To All Monthly And Quarterly Reports
2013-03	The County Clerk Should Strengthen Controls Over Payroll And Determine If Overtime Should Be Paid

Respectfully submitted,

Adam H. Edelen
Auditor of Public Accounts

October 16, 2014
State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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Beshear announces Transportation Alternative Program for LWC

Governor Steve Beshear today announced \$160,000 in federal funding for a project at Lindsey Wilson College in Adair County to expand transportation choices to citizens in that community. The funding is through the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). It will be used to construct sidewalks from the college to

Jamestown Road and from the campus to the Lindsey Wilson College Sports Park. The money will also be used to place crosswalks on streets surrounding the college making travel safer for students and staff that walk and drive around the campus. “Enhancing a community’s transportation choices also enhances the quality of life for its citizens,” Gov.

Beshear said. “We are confident this project will provide positive benefits for residents.” TAP is a federally funded reimbursement program administered by the Office of Local Programs in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. TAP assists communities in funding transportation improvements such as

safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic routes, beautification, and other investments. Projects may be a mix of elements and accessible to the general public or targeted to a broad segment of the general public. “The construction of safe sidewalks and pathways around Lindsey Wilson is good news,” said Sen. Max Wise, of Campbellsville. “These

infrastructure improvements are critical for Kentucky, especially around college campuses with the high amount of pedestrian traffic.” “Safety is of the utmost importance for those who live in and around Lindsay Wilson College, and it’s important we provide students, staff and visitors a safe path to and from the campus,” said Rep. John “Bam” Car-

ney, of Campbellsville. “I’m pleased to have worked with the Governor’s office in helping to secure funding necessary to bring this project to fruition.” TAP enables the local government to recoup as much as 80 percent of the cost of a project. The city of Columbia and Lindsey Wilson College will put \$40,000 toward the cost of the project.

CU’s online Master of Business Program recognized in rankings

BY KASEY RICKETTS
STUDENT NEWS WRITER

Campbellsville University has been named in various categories with the Online Master of Business Rankings for 2014-2015. Ranking the top 25 programs, Campbellsville University was ranked 10th for MBA program with a concentration in Human Resources, 16th for program with a con-

centration in Healthcare Management, and 19th for program with a concentration in International Business. Listing the top 50 programs, Campbellsville placed 9th among other universities that are faith-based and was ranked 24th among private schools offering the online program. “The online graduate faculty and staff in our school continuously strive to exceed the ex-

pectations of the university. They provide a learning community in the online format that reaches out to the students engaging them and making them feel like family,” Jennifer Graham, assistant dean of the School of Business and Economics, said. Surveyed were roughly 300 colleges in the United States that offer an online MBA program. The rankings are based on the quan-

titative and qualitative information about each schools online program. The goal of these rankings is to help prospective students see the different MBA programs offered in the United States and have a reliable starting point to identify what program would best fit their goals. Paula Caldwell, a 2010 graduate of the MBA program at Campbellsville Univer-

sity, decided to go back to school after being out of college for five years. Yet, the idea of sitting in a classroom for several hours a week after working a full-time job was not appealing to Caldwell. “The MBA Online program at Campbellsville University seemed to fit my lifestyle perfectly. The program was structured to keep me accountable to the work involved, yet combined

with the awesome flexibility of an online program. I would highly recommend the MBA Online program to anyone looking to further their education without having to put the rest of their life on hold,” Caldwell said. Caldwell is coordinator for undergraduate admissions at Campbellsville University. To see a list of all rankings visit www.onlinembareport.com.

LWC recognized

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During the 2013-14 school year, LWC students, faculty and staff combined to give more than 32,000 hours of community service, according to LWC Director of Civic Engagement Amy Thompson-Wells. “We are the first phone call that people make in the community when they want volunteers at their organization,” Thompson-Wells said. The flagship of LWC’s service-learning efforts is the Bonner Scholars Program, a group of 68 students who commit to at least 10 hours of community service a week during the school year. Since its inception on campus in 2005, Thompson-Wells said the Bonner Scholars Program has helped LWC deploy service-learning more strategically. “We’ve gone from random acts of kindness to strategic change and social justice,” she said. One of those programs is Camp Casey, an after-school program in Adair County public schools and sponsored by the 21st Century Program. The daily two-hour program targets preschool through second-grade

students, nearly 70 percent of whom qualify for a free or reduced lunch. A total of 219 LWC students worked with 438 Adair County students in 2013-14. The LWC volunteers saved Adair County more than \$47,000 annually, Thompson-Wells said. “Not only does this program help the school children increase their reading and math scores, but the mentoring and tutoring they receive from Lindsey Wilson volunteers helps instill confidence and a higher self-esteem in them and helps them believe anything is possible,” she said. “Last year, employees at Kentucky Department of Education called me to verify the number of volunteers I had reported because they thought the number was exceptional,” Thompson-Wells said. “Many of our students come into college thinking they know what they want to do with their lives, but many will wind up changing their major because of the service they provide. It’s really life-changing for many students as well,” she said.

Lady Dragons

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Green County struggled from the field to open up the game, hitting 1-of-10 shots and fell behind 14-4. But the shooting woes continued, as the Lady Dragons hit 11-of-33 and only 6-of-9 from the free throw line. The storyline from this game came in the fourth quarter once again. For the second-straight game, head coach Chris Blaydes saw a player go down

with injury and this time it was leading scorer Mya Schrembs. The sophomore guard was already fighting through an injury to

her shin and she took a knee to the same shin late in the game. Her availability is questionable for Tuesday’s game.

Upcoming schedule for Lady Dragons
Green County will

play Campbellsville in the 5th Region All “A” Tournament hosted at Bethlehem on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Tip off is scheduled for 8 p.m. Jan. 26 vs. Glasgow (11-6) – 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 vs. Metcalfe County (4-14) 5:30 p.m.

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Kentucky Afield: Winter backyard birding basics

By **LEE MCCLELLAN**
KENTUCKY AFIELD

The deepest, darkest, bleakest part of winter is here. The long slog from just after the holidays through the NCAA tournament is one of the toughest to weather, but watching the many species of birds that inhabit Kentucky in your backyard can brighten the most leaden days.

“Just this morning I didn’t want to leave from watching all of the birds in my backyard,” said Kate Heyden, avian biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “Winter is the best time to feed birds as they need the food now more than at any other time of year and you will typically see a greater number and variety of birds at bird feeders.”

Heyden said Kentucky receives many interesting birds from the north in winter and again in spring when many species return home from lands south of us, providing a great variety of species to see.

Bird watching is a good way to introduce kids into the outdoors and spark awareness

of our natural world. It is also productive practice for bird hunters, who must make quick identifications of birds in the field. An identification mistake for a bird hunter can be costly as songbirds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Waterfowlers must know the species of duck or goose before attempting to take a bird or risk making a mistake in their daily bag limit.

“You don’t need to spend money on food or feeders to attract birds to your yard,” Heyden said. “If you can leave a small area of your yard unmowed, you can attract a lot of birds. They eat the seeds from the grasses and weeds and use the area for cover as well.”

Employing a feeder grants the ability for close study of birds. Heyden explained all feeders draw birds, but those that keep the bird feed dry and free of mold are best. Moldy seeds are bad for bird health. Place feeders either near a window or fairly far away to help prevent birds from colliding with windows when startled.



Photo submitted

Backyard birding in winter is a family friendly and fun activity to pass cold winter days. Learning to identify birds raises awareness of nature in people and brings peace of mind and relaxation.

The most common feeder is a hopper or house feeder, usually made of windows of clear plastic with that feed seed to a perching surface. These feeders attract cardinals, nuthatches, chickadees, grosbeaks, buntings and titmice.

“One without a lot of perching surface minimizes use by house sparrows or starlings,” Heyden explained.

“The most important thing is to keep feeders clean by washing with bleach water every few weeks.” Washing with bleach water prevents the spread of disease.

Although slightly more expensive, Heyden feeds birds black oil sunflower seeds. “They attract a wide variety of desirable birds without attracting as many pest spe-

cies,” she said. “The cheap bird feed is full of filler and often contains corn which attracts squirrels, house sparrows, starlings and crows.”

A suet feeder attracts woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees and bluejays. Some birders push suet or peanut butter into crevices in bark or in the cracks of old stumps to attract these birds.

Witnessing a northern flicker or red-bellied woodpecker feeding at close range sears a delightful memory into the mind of a youngster. “Woodpeckers love dead branches on trees,” Heyden said. She recommended leaving a dead branch on a tree in the corner or rear of the yard to attract woodpeckers if it is safe to do so.

“It is important to provide water for birds in winter,” said Gary Sprandel, an avid birder and geoprocessing specialist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Place the water in a spot in the yard that receives sun as its rays will melt some water for birds on even the coldest days.

A good guide book is essential for iden-

tifying birds. Looking up unfamiliar birds and learning about their distinguishing characteristics is part of the fun of birding. He prefers the “Birds of North America – A Guide to Field Identification” by Chandler Robbins. “I like this guide because all the information about a bird is on one page,” Sprandel said. “It is pocket-sized and easy to carry afield.”

Sprandel also invites backyard birders to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count on Feb. 13-16. This project from the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, the National Audubon Society and Bird Studies Canada allows birders from all over the world help scientists glean valuable information on bird populations.

You simply need to record the species and number of birds seen for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the project. To participate, visit the Great Backyard Bird Count homepage at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>.

Backyard birding is a family-friendly way to pass the long, dreary winter days. Plus, it is just plain fun.

Dairy producers enroll in margin protection program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that more than 23,000 of the nation’s dairy operations – over half of all dairy farms in America – have enrolled in the new safety-net program created by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Margin Protection Program. The voluntary program provides financial assistance to participating farmers when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the farmer.

“Enrollment far exceeded our expectations in the first year,” said Vilsack. “We’re pleased that so many dairy producers are taking advantage of the expanded protection. USDA conducted a lot of outreach to get the word out. When you compare the initial

enrollment rate for the Margin Protection Program to the longstanding federal crop insurance program, where participation ranges from 30 percent to 80 percent depending on the crop, it’s clear that these outreach efforts made a difference.”

In Kentucky more than 350 of the 780 dairy operations have enrolled in the Margin Protection Program. More than 50 percent have elected buy-up coverage. When markets change the Margin Protection Program can help protect Kentucky dairy producers from those changes.

During the three months of the enrollment period, USDA conducted a robust education and outreach effort to the nation’s dairy producers. The department held over 500 public meetings, sent out nearly 60,000

direct mailings, and conducted more than 400 demonstrations of the Web-based tool designed to help applicants to calculate their specific coverage needs.

Unlike earlier dairy programs, the Margin Protection Program offers dairy producers a range of choices of protection that are best suited for their operation. Starting with basic coverage for an administrative fee of \$100, producers can select higher levels of coverage at affordable incremental premiums. More than half of applicants selected higher coverage beyond the basic level.

Dairy producers interested in enrolling in the Margin Protection Program for calendar year 2016 can register between July 1, 2015 and Sept. 30, 2015.

To learn more about

the Margin Protection Program, visit the Farm Service Agency (FSA) online at www.fsa.usda.gov or contact a local FSA office at offices.usda.gov.

The Margin Protection Program was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new mar-

kets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help

improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

State’s annual crop report released

Corn production in Kentucky is estimated at 226 million bushels, up 2 percent from the November forecast, but down 7 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 158 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from the November forecast, but down 12 bushels from the 2013 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.43 million acres, unchanged from 2013. The U.S. corn production is estimated at 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast, but up 3 percent from the revised 2013 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at a record high of 171.0 bushels per acre. This is down 2.4 bushels from the November forecast but 12.9 bushels above the revised 2013 average yield of 158.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimat-

ed at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 5 percent from the revised 2013 acreage.

Soybean production for Kentucky is estimated at a record high 84.0 million bushels, unchanged from the November forecast but up 1 percent from 2013. Yield was estimated at 48 bushels per acre, unchanged from the November forecast but down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 90,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean production in 2014 totaled 3.97 billion bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and up 18 percent from last year. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 47.8 bushels, 0.3 bushels above the November forecast and 3.8 bushels above the 2013 yield.

Harvested area is up 9 percent from 2013 to 83.1 million acres and is the highest on record.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is estimated at 163 million pounds, up 2 percent from the October forecast and up 10 percent from 2013. Yield was estimated at 2,150 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from October forecast but up 150 pounds from the 2013 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 76,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year's crop. For the burley producing states production is estimated at 213 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 101,500 acres, up 3 percent from 2013. Yields were estimated at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 156 pounds from last year.

Production of Kentucky dark fire-cured tobacco is estimated at

36.4 million pounds, up 30 percent percent from the previous year. Dark air-cured tobacco production is estimated at 14.5 million pounds, up 28 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay production by Kentucky farmers is forecast at 561,000 tons, down 15 percent the 2013 level. Other hay production is estimated at 4.20 million tons, down 13 percent from last year.

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Slaughter Cows:	% Lean	Weight		
Breaker	75-80	1200-1700	AD 106-109	HD 114-118
Boner	80-85	1100-1400	AD 104-106	HD 114-118
Lean	85-90	900-1500	AD 90-98	HD 100
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1100-2175 lbs. with Average Dress 128-135, with High Dress 144, and with Low Dress 115-117.				
Feeder Steers:				
Medium & Large Frame #1-2				
225 lbs.	300	290 lbs.	220	
303 lbs.	275	300-325 lbs.	237.5-270	
360 lbs.	281	438 lbs.	255	
460 lbs.	269	497 lbs.	217	
514 lbs.	265	545 lbs.	243	
593 lbs.	238.5	616 lbs.	204.5	
614 lbs.	231-247	762 lbs.	181	
684 lbs.	214			
707-733 lbs.	210-220			
751 lbs.	210			
816-840 lbs.	192-200.5			
871-878 lbs.	195			
Medium & Large Frame #2-3				
300 lbs.	250			
425-430 lbs.	250-265			
552-565 lbs.	240-242.5			
Feeder Heifers:				
Medium & Large Frame #1-2				
225 lbs.	275			
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402-425 lbs.	245-259			
454 lbs.	241			
512-532 lbs.	215-223.5			
555-568 lbs.	215.75-230			
607-649 lbs.	207-234			
653-694 lbs.	204.5-213			
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758 lbs.	198			
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260-285 lbs.	217-242			
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Edelen releases audit of Green County Clerk

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receipt and disbursement ledgers,” the audit report said. “Furthermore, the County Clerk prepares all monthly and quarterly reports.”

As a result of the lack of an adequate segregation of duties, the report said the following occurred:

- A duplicate payment of \$2,751 was made for the July 2013 Ad Valorem taxes.
- An overpayment of \$14,288 was made for the November 2013 Ad Valorem taxes.
- The County’s portion of delinquent tax collections for February totaling \$49 were not paid. In addition, one delinquent tax payment in the amount of \$961 was omitted from the July delinquent tax reports resulting in additional amounts due to the County Attorney, Sheriff, County, and all other taxing districts.
- The county clerk paid \$92 for postage using a personal debit card and included this on his disbursements ledger as a payment from his official fee account.
- Documentation for two expenditures was not properly cancelled.
- Receipts and Disbursements ledgers were not accurately posted.
- As a result of these issues, the Fourth Quarter Financial Statement was not accurate.

The report said this is a result of a limited budget, which restricts the number of employees the county clerk can hire or delegate duties to and it increases the County Clerk’s risk of misappropriation of assets, errors, and inaccurate financial reporting.

“Segregation of duties over receipts and disbursements or implementation of compensating controls, when needed due to limited staff, is essential for providing protection to employees in the normal course of performing their duties and can also help prevent inaccurate financial reporting and/or misappropriation of assets,” the report said. “Adequate segregation of duties would prevent the same person from having a significant role in the receiving and disbursing of funds and recording and reporting of those receipts and disbursements.”

The auditor’s office recommends the County Clerk strengthen internal controls by segregating duties now performed by him.

“If segregation of duties is not possible due to a limited number of staff, compensating controls which provide strong oversight should be implemented,” the report said. “The employee providing this oversight should document his or her review by initialing source documents.”

County Clerk Lowe responded that he agrees, the report said.

The report said the County Clerk should maintain accurate receipts and disbursements ledgers and reconcile them to all monthly and quarterly reports. The County Clerk uses a point of sales system to issue receipts and compile the daily checkout sheets.

“The daily checkout sheets report a grand total for each receipt category,” the report said. “These totals are then entered into different computer systems which are used to prepare the receipts and disbursements ledgers and to compile various monthly and quarterly reports. The County Clerk reconciles motor vehicle taxes to the state’s AVIS system but does not reconcile other monthly or quarterly reports to the ledgers.”

The report said the County Clerk’s receipts and disbursements ledgers were not accurate and required numerous audit adjustments and reclassifications. As a result, the following exceptions were noted:

- None of the 12 monthly reports for Affordable Housing Trust Fund fees agreed to monthly receipt ledger totals. The yearly total posted to the receipts ledger was \$594 less than the yearly total posted to the disbursements ledger.
 - The clerk did not pay the county their portion of the delinquent tax collections for the month of February 2013 and one delinquent tax bill was left off of the July 2013 delinquent tax report even though it was properly posted to the receipts ledger. As a result of these errors, additional amounts are due to the Sheriff, County Attorney, State, County, and other taxing districts.
 - Payment errors were made for Ad Valorem taxes for the months of July and November resulting in overpayments totaling \$17,039.
- “Without an accurate receipts ledger the clerk cannot ensure all receipts have been properly accounted for,” the

report said. “If reports are not reconciled to the receipts and disbursements ledgers the clerk cannot ensure proper amounts have been reported and paid to others. In addition, the risk that receipts could be misappropriated, or that fraud or theft could occur increases.”

Auditors recommend the County Clerk maintain accurate receipts and disbursements ledgers and reconcile all monthly and quarterly reports to them. This reconciliation can be documented by initialing and dating the reports.

County Clerk Lowe responded that he agrees, the report said.

The report also said the County Clerk should strengthen controls over payroll and determine if overtime should be paid.

“During the testing of payroll, we noted timesheets were not properly maintained,” the report said.

The following exceptions were noted:

- One timesheet included both an employee’s and the clerk’s signature but did not have any hours recorded on it. The employee’s individual earnings record showed that the employee was paid for 64 hours of regular time and eight hours of sick time for this period. The Auditor spoke to the employee and she stated she had not signed this timesheet.
- One timesheet showed an employee worked 41.5 hours but was paid for 46.5 hours.
- Two timesheets could not be located.
- Some of the tested timesheets were not signed by the County Clerk to indicate his review and approval.
- One employee had 10 timesheets which included overtime hours for which she was not paid and her timesheets were not signed by the clerk.
- Leave balances were not tracked accurately. We compared the leave time used per employees’ individual earnings records to leave time used per available timesheets. In 23 instances the hours on timesheets differed from the hours recorded on the Individual Earnings Records. In addition, leave time used by employees per the attendance calendars did not agree with the leave time reported on the timesheets.
- Based on available signed timesheets, two employees were paid

for a total of 36 hours more of vacation time than they earned during calendar year 2013. However since the leave hours reported on the timesheets did not always agree with the Individual Earnings Records or with the attendance calendars, we cannot be sure the amounts reported on the timesheets were accurate.

“When the auditor inquired with the County Clerk about payroll procedures, the County Clerk, in a written statement, informed the auditor that employees of the County Clerk’s office were allowed to come in to the Clerk’s office after hours and on weekends when the office was closed to complete transactions,” the report said. “He stated ‘These deputies do this as a public service and do not receive any pay for this. They do it on their own time and at their own will!’”

The report said state law requires that every employer shall keep a record of the amount paid each pay period of each employee, the hours worked each day and each week by each employer and such other information as the executive director requires.

“Since excess fees of the Clerk’s office are ultimately paid to the fiscal court, this lack of proper payroll documentation and

internal controls over payroll increases the risk that the county could incur additional payroll liabilities,” the report said. “Additionally without accurate tracking of leave balances, there is an increased risk employees could be paid for sick and vacation time not earned.”

Auditors recommend the Clerk strengthen internal controls over the payroll process to ensure timesheets are accurately prepared

and signed by all employees for each pay period, are reviewed, approved, and signed by the Clerk or his designee, and leave balances are accurately monitored.

“Additionally we recommend the Clerk contact Wage and Hour to determine if additional pay is due to employees for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week,” the report said.

County Clerk Lowe responded that he agrees, the report said.



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City automobile accidents

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ter. By far, the two most likely spots for accidents were the U.S. 68-KY 61-Industrial Park Road junction north of downtown near the Northgate Shopping Center, and the Main Street-Columbia Avenue Intersection south of downtown near the U.S. Post Office.

A string of accidents trailed south along Columbia Highway to the city limits, including a few in which injuries were reported. There were no locations in which injury accidents occurred in any greater numbers than anywhere else. Injury accidents oc-

curred in locations ranging from intersections to open road on both major arteries and in residential areas.

One injury accident was a car versus a pedestrian.

The vast majority of accidents occurred in the daytime with 92 percent happening in daylight hours.

Two vehicles were involved in 70 percent of the accidents. One vehicle accidents accounted for 22 percent of the total and three vehicles in 8 percent.

The total number of city traffic accidents was

nearly identical to the 91 recorded in 2013. There were 87 in 2012.

Fine

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was helping the university’s marching band with its Ice Bucket Challenge. An aerial ladder truck bucket came into contact with power lines. Men in the bucket and on the ground were injured. One of them, Tony Grider, died a month after the incident from injuries he sustained.

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Date	1-13	1-14	1-15	1-16	1-17	1-18	1-19
High	30	35	33	50	59	54	61
Low	26	26	23	23	23	24	26
Prec	0	0	0	0	.08	0	0

Reporting period for each day ends at 7 a.m. and begins at 7 a.m. the previous day. Statistics provided by the Greensburg Water Plant.

Kentucky's retail food prices still on the rise

Retail food prices across the Commonwealth continued their year-long pattern of growth in the fourth quarter of 2014 according to the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation's latest Marketbasket Survey released Monday.

The December 2014 survey results identified the total cost of 40 basic grocery items as \$129.14, or 1.7 percent higher than the previous quarter. This is the seventh consecutive quarter that the Marketbasket Survey total resulted in an increase and is also a new all-time high.

Since 2007, the Marketbasket Survey total has reported Kentucky's retail food prices increasing by an average of 3.2 percent each year.

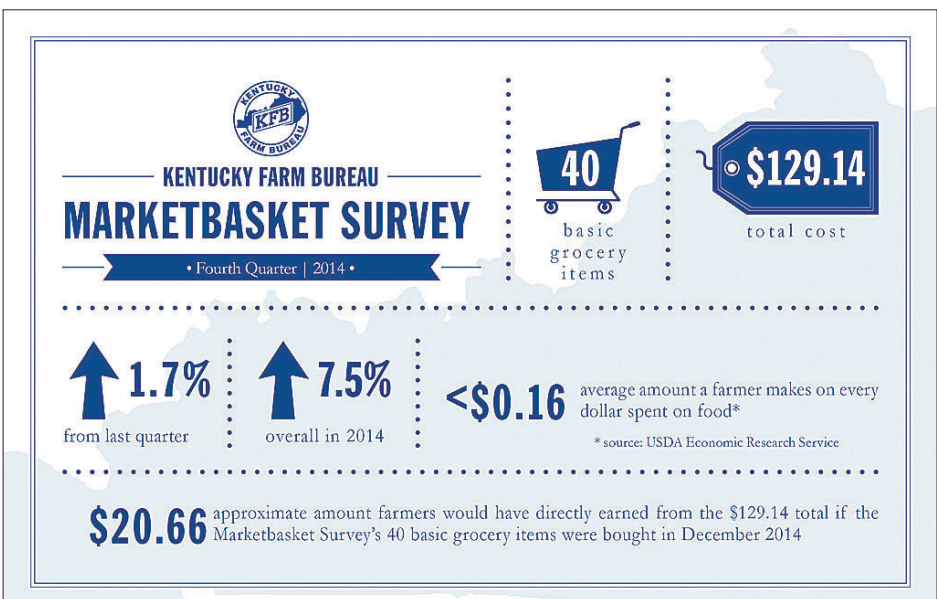
National food prices, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' most recent Consumer Price Index data, revealed that food-at-home prices

grew by 0.3 percent in December. Overall, the CPI data shows that national prices for food-at-home increased by an overall total of 3.4 percent over the past 12 months. This growth eclipsed the USDA's anticipated 2.25 to 3.25 percent increase for 2014.

Of the six food groups recorded in the most recent survey – beef, pork, poultry, dairy, grains, and fruits and vegetables – the poultry category showed the largest total gain with an average price jump of 11.2 percent (+\$1.08). Dairy was not far behind with an average increase of 7.1 percent (+\$1.75).

Both categories are now at all-time highs in the Marketbasket Survey's history. Overall, 27 of the 40 items recorded in this survey experienced increases in average price during the fourth quarter.

The Marketbasket Survey's top three av-



erage price increases reported for items in the fourth quarter of 2014 were vanilla ice cream, up 28.5 percent, tomatoes, up 32 percent, and a loaf of whole wheat bread, up 21.9 percent

Looking ahead to 2015, the USDA's Economic Research Service predicts a steadying effect on food prices for the next 12 months (based on the assumption of normal weather condi-

tions during the year). Food-at-home cost increases are forecast by the ERS to keep pace with, or end up slightly below, average food price inflation and are expected to increase by 2.0 to 3.0 percent overall this year.

Whether or not U.S. grocery prices fluctuate from one quarterly survey to the next, Kentuckians and all Americans continue to enjoy some of the lowest food prices in the

world.

Shoppers in the U.S. spend only about 10 percent of their disposable income on food each year. Those costs remain far lower than any other country in the world thanks to many of the agricultural efficiencies utilized in America.

Today the average U.S. farmer produces enough food and fiber to provide for about 154 people – a significant jump from an av-

erage of 19 people per farmer back in 1940.

Yet while more food is now being produced on less land, the farmer's share of the retail food dollar in America is down. According to the USDA's Food Dollar Series, a farmer earns less than 16 cents per dollar spent on food, down significantly from the 31 cents earned in 1980.

Cities reporting on the Kentucky Farm Bureau Marketbasket Survey for the fourth quarter of 2014 include: Alexandria, Augusta, Barbourville, Brandenburg, Brownsville, Ed-dyville, Elkton, Flatwoods, Georgetown, Glasgow, Harrodsburg, Hartford, Hickman, Hopkinsville, Irvine, Lawrenceburg, Louisa, Maysville, Munfordville, Owensboro, Owingsville, Powderly, Richmond, Russellville, Salyersville, Scottsville, Shelbyville, Smithland, Stanford, Tollesboro and Walton.

County attorney provides needed services to local youth, citizens

BY CLEVIS JEFFRIES
STAFF WRITER

In reference to his duties in the handling of juvenile cases that involve the neglect and abuse of children in Green Co., County Attorney Russ Goff said, "You would be amazed. You would be deeply saddened to see a lot of the situations of ... our children." Goff shared that these instances lay heaviest on his heart.

He conveyed these thoughts to Greensburg Rotary members at their regular weekly meeting Jan. 13.

Goff also shared with Rotary his duties as county attorney and the programs he has been involved with during his first two terms in office.

"The primary duty that I think everyone is familiar with is prosecution," he said.

Goff said that as county attorney his job is to prosecute criminal offenses in the county.

County Attorney Goff deals with adult misdemeanor offenders and juvenile offenders who have committed both misdemeanor and felony offenses.

Not only does the County Attorney's office deal with cases involving the neglect and abuse of juveniles, Goff noted that he oversees cases involving a child's parents are unable to provide proper care for him or her.

His job also entails advising law enforcement within the city and county and the preparing of search and arrest warrants.

Outside of prosecution, Goff mentioned his role as legal advisor to all special districts and agencies within the county and he serves as legal counsel to the Green Co. Fiscal Court.

His office is also contracted through the Commonwealth of Kentucky to provide child support collections.

According to Goff, his office has been one of the top eight child support offices in the state in each of seven of the last eight years.

A program, Goff mentioned, that has been of benefit to delinquent taxpayers during his time in office is assisting them in the setting up of escrow accounts to make payments on taxes owed.

The escrow accounts allow taxpayers, he said, an opportunity to make monthly payments on delinquent tax bills and prevents those bills being purchased by private investors who seek to foreclose on Green County homeowners.

According to Goff, for the first time, the office has been able to generate revenue for Green County Fiscal Court through check and tax collection and things of that nature.

He commented that for each and every year of his tenure his office has turned over excess fees to the county.

"We're collecting such a high rate of taxes through our escrow program," Goff said.

The program has not only benefited people who are trying to pay their taxes and keep their homes, it has led to an increase in the number of bills being paid. Hence, the county and all its taxing agencies receive more tax revenue, he said.

"We started the first traffic diversion program in Green County," Goff said.

According to the County Attorney, first-time, non-serious traffic offenders are afforded the opportunity to save money in court



County Attorney
Russ Goff

costs by entering the diversion program.

Goff mentioned that such a program ensures fairness and consistency, as everyone is treated alike.

He said, "It gives everybody a second chance."

Goff noted that offenders who fail to successfully complete the diversion program however must pay the entire fine and all court costs associated therewith.

A program instituted in the Eleventh Judicial District during the County Attorney's tenure is the Drug Court program. Goff indicated that Judge Amy Anderson was the driving force behind establishing the program, which she still oversees today.

"It is a wonderful program," he said.

According to the County Attorney, drug-addicted offenders who qualify for the program are drug-tested, attend group and individual therapy sessions and must maintain employment. The program most usually involves some incarceration for the participant, but it incorporates treatment of the participant's addiction to hopefully prevent recidivism.

"I'm really proud of that program. It is

certainly a step in the right direction," Goff said.

Commenting on the use of heroin locally, he said, in relation to other drugs we see it's not really a significant problem.

He indicated that he had seen very few heroin cases in Green District Court.

Goff believes that we currently have much more significant problems with other drugs in Green County, particularly with the abuse of prescription pills.

"I think prescription drugs are a huge problem," he said.

The County Attorney remarked that some five years ago, there was a very strong, sustained effort by state and local law enforcement targeting drugs in Green County, particularly methamphetamine.

Those efforts went a long way in combating the meth problem in Green County, he said.

"We don't have the [meth] labs like we did," Goff said.

However, he explained that the methods of manufacturing meth have also changed and are now more portable, making them tougher for law enforcement to track.

"Illegal drugs constitute a battle that law enforcement and prosecutors fight every day, and we continue to do that," he said.

"I'm extremely proud of what our office has been able to accomplish in the past eight years. I have been blessed with a wonderful, caring staff, and it is my hope that we can continue to seek justice and do our part to keep Green County a safe, welcoming place to raise a family for years to come. Most importantly, I pray that we use this office to help people," Goff said.

Individuals asked for health coverage info for 2015 tax season

The 2015 tax season is the first time individuals and families will be asked for information regarding their health insurance on their tax returns.

While most will just need to check a box on their tax return indicating they had health coverage for all of 2014, people who purchased coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplaces, or decided not to enroll in coverage, should be aware of the additional steps that will be a part of the tax filing process starting this year.

Over three quarters of tax filers will just need to check a box on their tax return to indicate that they had coverage all year. These people met the Minimum Essential Coverage requirement, which means that they had the basic health coverage necessary to meet the Affordable Care Act's standards. These individuals and families will not receive any new forms in the mail and they will not be required to fill out new forms when they file their 2014 income tax returns.

"Last year millions of people purchased quality, affordable coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, and most benefitted from a tax credit to lower the cost of their monthly premium," a U.S. Department of Health and Human Service spokesman said. "Now that tax season is here, individuals and families enrolled in a health plan through the Marketplace will need to provide some basic information about their health insurance when they file their taxes."

Marketplace consumers will receive

a new statement – called a Form 1095-A – that includes all the information they need about their coverage to file their return.

"It's very important to wait for your Form 1095-A to arrive before you file your taxes," the spokesman said. "If a tax credit lowered your monthly premiums for health insurance in 2014, you will use your Form 1095-A to input some basic information when you file your taxes. Now that tax time is here, you need to compare your estimated income with your actual income – and this could impact the final amount of your tax credit."

While those who can afford health coverage but chose not to buy it may have to pay a fee, individuals who could not afford coverage or met other conditions can receive an exemption. If you didn't have health coverage for all of 2014, you'll pay the higher of \$95 per adult and \$47.50 per child, who didn't have coverage, limited to a family maximum of \$285, or 1 percent of your income, subject to certain caps.

"If you qualify, receiving an exemption is simple and easy, and means you won't have to pay a fee," the spokesman said. "It is important for individuals to know that exemptions are available and to understand the steps they need to take to request one."

Consumers have questions about their taxes, need to download forms, or want to learn more about the fee for not having insurance, they can find information and resources at www.irs.gov or www.healthcare.gov/taxes. They can also call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596.



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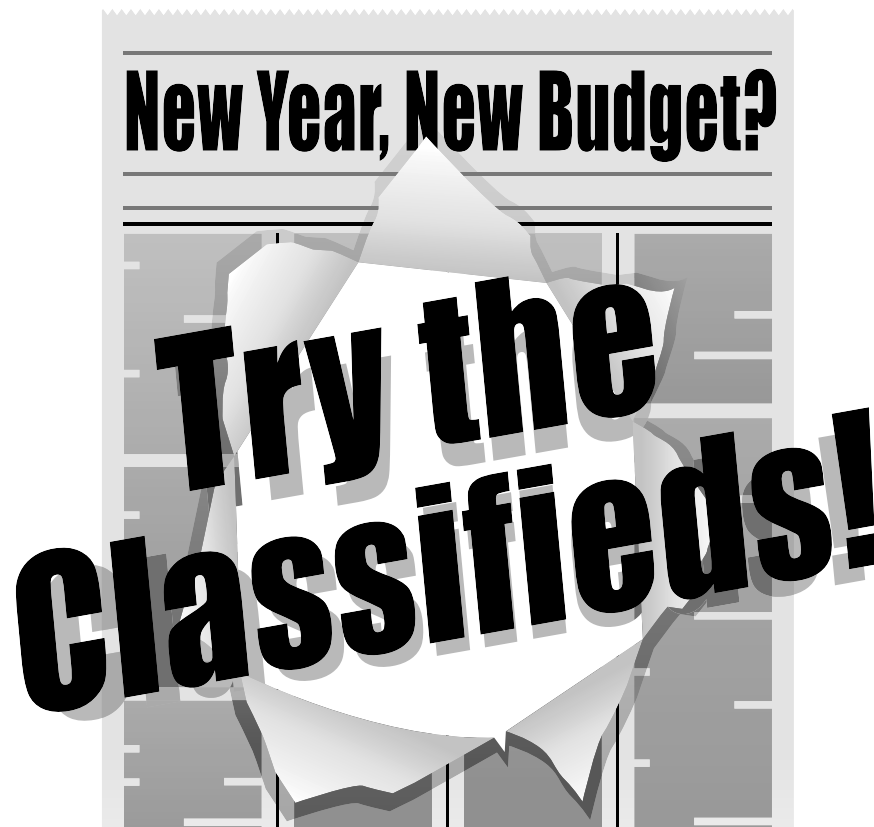
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Is southern civility gone with the wind?

I have had some requests to revisit one of my most popular topics, so I hope it will bring you a smile, with some recent experiences I encountered relating to interaction with others. I needed one too.

I have been blessed to travel to many parts of the United States. But there is no feeling to me like crossing those imaginary lines created to define the South.

I breathe easier. I worry less. I don't know why. Maybe it's the portrayals of Southern gentility in Hollywood movies. In 1939, there was nothing more shocking in film than Rhett Butler's "Frankly, Scarlett, I don't ..."

You know the rest. In the 1960s, television gave us shows like "The Andy Griffith Show," which were still gentle on and off



Southern Style
Randall Franks

the screen. I remember George "Goober" Lindsey once relaying a story about him saying a few off-color words while waiting for the next shot on the set. He did this in spite of a warning by actress Frances "Aunt Bee" Bavier, paraphrasing, "That we don't speak that way on this set." She pummeled him with her umbrella. He didn't do it anymore.

"Civility" refers to the politeness we see every day. The things that make the day a little nicer. These are the things that most Southern parents instill in their children. At least I

hope they still do. "Yes, sir," "No, ma'am," "Please," "Thank you," "Respect your elders," "Ladies, first," and "Don't cuss" are just a few of these civilities.

In my travels, I've been places where these acts are so alien to them they look at you like you're from another planet. Where foul language flows like water from a faucet. Where if you stopped to show respect to a funeral procession, you would probably wind up in one yourself, in the lead car.

What is sad to me, in my recent travels around the South, I'm seeing more and more examples of Southern civility fading. The sales clerk or cash register attendant who ignores you or doesn't respond to your greeting. The person who doesn't respond to a kindness like holding a door with

a "thank you." Young people not showing respect for their elders. Foul language ringing out in public.

I don't know whether these examples are due to a lack of parenting, a lack of respect for others, or the saturation of poor-quality TV, films and music in our society during the last few years. Variety of program choices is both a blessing and a curse. Unfortunately, language and visual images that wouldn't make our series "In the Heat of the Night" in 1990 are now commonplace on the networks. I think Southern civility is becoming a victim of us trying to fit into what we are seeing on television and in film.

In recent years, Southerners in series television act more like transplants from Los Angeles or New York with a Southern

accent. Considering that's where they are probably from, it's not surprising. The late Carroll O'Connor once told me that "we all say things to be polite." For example, "Can I help you with that?" when someone is carrying a load, expecting, maybe hoping for, "No thanks, I got it."

I hope we never lose that in the South. Kindness, politeness, Southern civility is not "Gone with the Wind." It's hopefully just swaying a bit in the breeze of popular culture. Maybe it's just gonna take a few more Aunt Bee's to remind all of

us Goobers how things are suppose to be.

Randall Franks is an award-winning musician, singer and actor. He is best known for his role as "Officer Randy Goode" on TV's "In the Heat of the Night" now on WGN America. His latest CD release, "Mississippi Moon," is by Crimson Records. He is a member of the Independent Country Music Hall of Fame. His latest book is "Encouragers I: Finding the Light." He is a syndicated columnist for <http://randallfranks.com/> and can be reached at rfrankscatoosa@gmail.com.

Best places to work named

Several companies with offices in Green and Taylor counties made the 11th Annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky list released yesterday.

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management announce the companies that have made the 2015 list. The winner rankings will be announced in April.

Winners from across the state were selected in three categories: small companies of 15-149 employees, medium companies of 150-499 employees and large companies consisting of more than 500 employees (categories based on number of U.S. employees, only Kentucky employees surveyed). The selection process, managed by Best Companies Group, is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey.

Forcht Bank, PBI Bank, Bluegrass Cellular, Hosparus, KORT, Edward Jones, Farm Credit Mid America and Papa John's all made the medium company list.

The competition is a multi-year initiative designed to motivate companies in the Commonwealth to focus, measure and move their workplace environments toward excellence. Numerous studies show a strong correlation between profitability and creating a good place to work.

The Best Places to Work in Kentucky initiative is based on FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work for in America" list.

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce advocates for companies of all sizes and industries across the Commonwealth.

For more details about the Best Places to Work in Kentucky visit www.bestplacetoworkky.com.

Business Lighting Contest winner



Photo by Walt Gorin

Brenda's Florist won the award for the best decorated business in the Greensburg Rotary Club's Christmas Lighting Contest. Rotary President Mitchell Wright is shown presenting owners Carl and Brenda Beams with an 8" x 10" color photo of the business at a noon meeting of the club at Longhunters Coffee and Tea Company recently.

School districts join aid completion effort

SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Nearly half of the school districts in Kentucky will participate in a new program to increase the number of students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA.

The FAFSA is a major step in going to college because it is the form used to apply for federal and state student aid programs. The more financial aid students receive, the more likely they are to attend and finish college.

The FAFSA Completion Initiative makes it possible for the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to let districts know which of their students have completed a FAFSA. KHEAA receives FAFSA data for Kentucky residents each year as the agency that administers state-funded student aid programs. It administers the College Access Program, Kentucky Tuition Grant program and Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship.

The information KHEAA will share is limited to the student's name and FAFSA completion status. KHEAA will not share any private or financial information that students and parents include on the FAFSA.

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